Statement II

Number of officers and Employees who have retiried (Both by way of Voluntary Retirement and Natural Separations) and New Appointments made during 1995-96 to 1999-2000 (upto 31.10.1999) is as follows:

Year	Retirement		Appointment	
	Officers (A)	Employees (B)	Officers (C)	Employees (D)
1995-96	1192	6625	660	4904
1996-97	1336	7254	340	3897
1997-98	1567	9011	330	2156
1998-99	1100	6849	141	1126
1999-2000	2250	12092	12	139
Total	7445	41831	1483	12222
Grant Total	(A) + (B)	49276	(C) + (D)	13705

Note: The above figures are exclusive of Subsidiaries.

Industrialisation in Meghalaya

*312. SHRI ONWARD L. NONGTDU: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of industrial units being run in the private and public sector in the State of Meghalaya as on 31st October, 1999;

(b) the total amount of capital investment made in these units in the State; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken by Government to increase the investment in Meghalaya during the Ninth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) and (b) The number of Industrial Units being run in the private and public sector in the State of Meghalaya is not centrally maintained. However,

between August, 1991 and 31st October, 1999, 17 Industrial Enterpreneur Memoranda (IEM) have been field for setting up units in the non SSI Sector in the State of Meghalaya with proposed total investment of Rs. 271 crores. As against this, only one unit has reported implementation of the IEM till 31st October, 1999. The details are given in enclosed statement, *(see* below)

As per the Public Enterprises Survey 1997-98 there are two Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) operating in the state of Meghalaya as on 31.3.98. The details are as follows:—

Name of PSU	Investment
1. North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corp.	Rs. 7 Crores Rs. 2234 Crores
2. North Eastern Electric Power Corp.	

In addition, as on 30.9.99 a total number of 2598 SSI Units have been granted permanent registration.

(c) There is no proposal to set up any new public sector unit in Meghalaya during the 9th Plan period. In the light of the present liberalized economic environment wherein the private investment has a major role for setting up industries, the Central Government only provides supplementary assistance. A new Industrial policy for the North Eastern Region (including Meghalaya) was notified on 24th December, 1997 to promote industrial development in this region. The major highlights of the policy include the following:—

(i) expenditure on Growth Centres would be funded through central assistance upto Rs. 15 crores;

(ii) funding pattern for Integrated Infrastructure Development Centres (IIDCs) has been changed to 4:1 between the Government of India and Small Industries Bank of India (instead of 2:3);

(iii) the Transport Subsidy Scheme has been extended upto 31.3.2007;

(iv) new units located in Growth Centres and IIDCs have been exempted from payment of income tax and excise duty for a period of ten years. In addition, 15% capital investment subsidy on plant and machinery is admissible subject to a ceiling of Rs. 30 lakh; and

(v) a Comprehensive Insurance Scheme for industrial units has been introduced with 100% subsidy on premium for 10 years.

Statement

Name of Undertaking/ Address	Location	Item of manufacture	Proposed Annual capacity	Acknowledge-ment No./ Date
Jaintia Alloys Pvt. Ltd. 20 Vrindavan Market (2nd Floor) Athgaon, Guwahati, Kamrup Assam	Ribboi Meghalaya	Ingots of Iron and Steel other than High Carbon Steel etc.	12000.00 Tonnes	386 16.9.97

Actual Investment (Rs. Crore): 1 Memorandum No.: 1685 Date: 22/04/1996 Production Commenced on 01/04/1997

Foreign Trade and Balance of Payment Position

*313 SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the position of foreign trade and balance of payment as on 30th November, 1999, item-wise;

(b) whether our trade has been in deficit;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The trade balance for the period April-June, 1999-2000 is US $ -4134 million and current account balance